



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116--
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE--
EXAMINING GROUP 1600

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : James Keck *et al.* Art Unit : 1633
Serial No. : 09/601,997 Examiner : Janet L. Epps-Ford
Filed : December 15, 2000 Conf. No. : 5984
Cust. No. : 20985
Title : NON-BACTERIAL CLONING IN DELIVERY AND EXPRESSION OF
NUCLEIC ACIDS

MAIL STOP AF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed October 20, 2005, and further to the telephone interview of April 20, 2006 (hereinafter, "interview"), consideration of the following remarks and entry of the following Amendments, which are provided in accord with the Examiner's suggestions pursuant to discussions in the aforementioned interview, is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the Amendment places the application into condition for allowance or, alternatively, reduces the number of issues for appeal by addressing specific requirements set forth by the Examiner in the Final Office Action and in the interview. A Notice of Appeal accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL"

"Express Mail" Mailing Label Number

EV 738974986 US

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.10 that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service on the date indicated below and addressed to: Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit April 20, 2006

Signature

Stephanie Seidman

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate

~~04/24/2006 BABRAHAI 00000002 09601997~~

~~01 FC:2253~~

~~STO:00-6P~~